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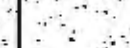
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millions, the value of foreign imports sold through the native customs. On the cantons farmers—the men who grow or purchase the right of realizing the duties according to their place; the transit regulations not being operative at Canton. I lately pointed out that hindrances to trade, and the cause of financial depletion of the provincial treasuries, was due to the large extent to which the provincial revenues, by means of the foreign cantons, now find their way to Peking. An able article in a late issue of the *China Review*, which I have seen, dealing with this subject, makes a good case for the foreign custom-house duties, for this to the degree we believed, but rather that it is due to misappropriation of funds and the system of farming taxes, both pecuniary characteristics of the financial administration in China. Without going so far as the writer there is doubtless truth in what he says.

The Hongkong Chamber of Commerce interesting itself in the question of opium in southern China, and now that they power seem somewhat to understand the reasons, to grasp the fact that the "policy" must give rise any, and that the true interests of China lie in the extension of foreign commerce in the country and its development, bringing about better relations with Western Powers, and opportunity offered among other things, of the trade of southern China upon the opening of Canton.

A person like Li Hing who, whose views, from personal interest, have recorded, and the late governor Shansi, who comes to Canton in view, are quite aware that the policy has been against the country to foreign trade. It is to be hoped that among the members to be instituted will be the abolition of the Canton native customs—that of the foreign. If the Chinese manufacturers, who are the largest number, can get out from the interior, object to their goods being forced to pass five times the necessary distance in order to reach the neighbouring provinces must press upon the minister at Canton, and through him, the superior authorities, the urgent necessity for this reform. Important step in the opening of all China.

Dead Letters.

Alexander, Kate, Aix la Chapelle,	.....
Blandhard, Capt., Hongkong,	.....
Bonwick, M. Francis,	.....
Brown, Wm., Hongkong,	.....
Chan Hok, Hongkong,	.....
Coxe, E. O., Hongkong,	.....
Figueroa, F. P. A., Hongkong,	.....
Hocht, Herrn., Neapel, Italy,	.....
Hoyland, Capt., Hongkong,	.....
Lawton, Wm., Hongkong,	.....
Machado, Francisco, Hongkong,	.....
McKenney, J. C., Hongkong,
P. S. M., Hongkong,
Williams, W., Hongkong,

(c) Posted at Shanghai.

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Hongkong, 8th August, 1885.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, AUGUST 13	
OPHIUM—New Katna, cash,
" Old "	cash,
" New Benares, cash,
" Old "	cash,
" New Malwa, cash,
" Allowance, Teals,
" Allowance, Katna,
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HONGKONG, AUGUST 13	
BAROMETER—9 A.M.,
" Do. 1 P.M.,
" Do. 4 P.M.,
THERMOMETER—9 A.M.,
" Do. 1 P.M.,
" Do. 4 P.M.,
" (Wet bulb) 9 A.M., .....	.....
" Do. 1 P.M., .....	.....
" Do. 4 P.M., .....	.....
" Do. Maximum over night .....	.....
" Do. Minimum over night .....	.....

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

AT 4 P.M.—AUGUST

Station.	Barometer at Sea Level Reduced to 30 in.	Thermometer in Shade	Wind Direction
Bolnso .....	.....	.....	.....
Manila	29.781.078	.....	sw
Haiphong .....	.....	.....	.....
Hongkong	29.783.010	.....	sw
Amoy	29.783.072	.....	sw
Swatow	29.778.020-7	.....	sw
Nagasaki	29.97	.....	n
Yokohama	29.847.020	.....	se
AT 10 A.M.—AUGUST			
Manila	29.782.080	.....	sw
Bolnso .....	.....	.....	.....
Haiphong	29.782.083	.....	.....
Hongkong	29.783.010	.....	sw
Amoy	29.783.072	.....	sw
Swatow	29.778.020-7	.....	sw
Nagasaki	29.97	.....	n
Yokohama	29.847.020	.....	se

The barometer has risen in southern coast. The temperature moderate. The humidity moderate. The wind cloudy and the wind early evening continuing it reached fresh gale here, is rain squall duration.

W. DO.

Government.

Hongkong Observatory, Aug.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to sea level, and to the level of the 32 ft. and hundredths.

2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade, Fahrenheit, in parentheses, the humidity of air saturated with 100.

3. DIRECTION OF WIND, in two faces or words, according to scale.

4. SCALE OF WEATHER, if snow clouds, d. drizzle rain, hail, lightning, overcast, fog, rain, sleet, snow, thunders, &c.

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